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Dear Jim:

You will soon receive a copy of the minutes of the recent meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee which, amongst other things, mentions liaison arrangements between BBC, Caversham, and the Mediterranean Bureau. This is merely to give you a little further explanation of the sense of the meeting in this regard.

With the withdrawal of Wilson, Marriott hopes that operational liaison can be continued and coordination be effected directly between Caversham and Cyprus without prior referral to Washington. We agreed to this except that all policy matters are to be discussed between Marriott and myself and all operational matters which may in any way require the disbursement of additional funds, the procurement of additional facilities, or the recruitment of additional staff. Otherwise, messages and correspondence may be exchanged freely between the Mediterranean Bureau and Caversham. Copies of all messages and correspondence effecting coverage should be sent to Washington for the benefit of the Operations Officer, whose job it is to keep abreast of coverage arrangements at all FBIS field bureaus.

Please do not feel nervous about these restrictions, since I assure you that we will not be narrow in our interpretation of what constitutes "policy," "major operational matters," etc.

Sincerely,

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